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RAMGOOLAM'S SPEECH

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1. OF EIGHT PRINCIPAL MAURITIAN DAILY PAPERS, ONLY ONE TO CARRY ANY ACCOUNT OF PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM'S SPEECH TO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT COLOMBO WAS THE NATION, ORGAN OF CONSERVATIVE BOOLELL-JAGATSINGH FACTION OF HIS LABOR PARTY. PAPER SAID RAM CALLED FOR DISMANTLING OF ALL MILITARY BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN, THESE BASES, RAM REPORTEDLY SAID, CONSTITUTE A DANGER FOR ALL STATES BORDERING INDIAN OCEAN. RAM WELCOMED MME. BARDARANAIKE'S PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF INDIAN OCEAN LITTORAL STATES TO PURSUE DEMILITARIZATION OF THAT OCEAN. PAPER NOTED THAT IN COURSE OF HIS SPEECH RAM ALSO RAISED PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE NEAR EAST.

2. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE CHARACTERISTIC OF RAMGOOLAM TO SAY VERY LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE AND NOTHING CONTROVERSIAL, BUT WHAT IS SURPRISING IS THE LACK OF COVERAGE OF HIS REMARKS TO THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

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